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WITHDRAWAL OF SUBMISSION OF ITR THROUGH POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has discontinued with the scheme of accepting Income-Tax Returns through Post Offices as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated July 27, 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any discussion was held with representatives of Department of Posts to continue the scheme ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The scheme of accepting Income Tax Returns through Post Offices was introduced last year as an emergency measure in view of a call for strike given by the Employees Union in July, 2006. The main reason for discontinuation of the scheme was that the exigency caused by the proposed strike no more existed and the Department is well equipped for the work of receipt of returns.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) : The Department of Posts had written to the Central Board of Direct Taxes about the continuation of the Scheme during the current year. The matter was deliberated upon by the Ministry of Finance before discontinuing the Scheme.

(e) 'Nil' in view of reply to Part (d).